For Dennis:

Consultation on Reissuance of Cook Inlet General Permit for Oil and Gas
R10 will offer a consultation meeting on Reissuance of Cook Inlet General Permit for Oil and
Gas to interested representatives of federally recognized Cook Inlet tribal governments on
Tuesday February 5. OW Director Dan Opalski will represent EPA Leadership, Project Lead
Cindi Godsey will participate, and Southcentral Alaska Tribal Coordinator Katherine Brown will
facilitate. EPA plans to reissue only the exploration components of a NPDES General Permit
for federal waters, and to do so in conjunction with a state issuance of an APDES General
Permit for exploration discharges in state waters. Future issuance and administration of both
the exploration and existing production facility permits for state waters will be by the ADEC.
OW held an informational teleconference for tribes December 18, and has extended the
deadline for comments on the preliminary draft Cook Inlet General Permit for Oil and Gas
Exploration Activities in Federal Waters through February 13. Hot issues are expected to
include: EPA's Effluent Limitation Guidelines for the Oil and Gas Coastal Subcategory which
contain an exemption to the no discharge prohibition of drilling fluids, drill cuttings, and
produced water for upper Cook Inlet (state waters); water quality standards and fish
consumption; pollutants in authorized discharges and mixing zones; sensitive areas (Port
Graham and Nanwalek) that these tribes believe should be excluded; and lack of tribal
involvement in the State of Alaska's antidegradation policy development. Hanh Shaw, Mike
Lidgard, and Katherine Brown briefed Dan Opalski 1/30. Representatives of 8/10 Cook Inlet
tribes plan to participate.

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